



Scott R. Jones

Sheriff

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Mr. Navdeep Gill, County Executive
County of Sacramento
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Re: Former Inspector General Rick Braziel

Dear Mr. Gill:

Some information has come to my attention—quite by accident—that has relevance in the current and prior Inspector General discussions. I thought it important that you and the Board were apprised.

As you'll recall, Rick Braziel decided on his own to release the McIntyre OIS report early on August 17th, 2018, prior to the DA rendering her findings. Not only did he falsely assert to my Undersheriff that he was ordered to release the report early, this was a departure from his prior practice (and stated policy) as he had never before released an OIS report where a subject was struck prior to the DA's findings being released. In addition, in this particular report he went to extraordinary lengths to analyze physics and force, and make judgments about the propriety of the shooting which were beyond both his scope as IG as well as his expertise. Finally, he used incorrect and incomplete analysis when rendering his findings. As a result his report was unfairly critical of our officers, placed the Sheriff's Office and the County in an untenable legal position, and was inappropriate on several levels. As you are aware, the District Attorney's findings have since been rendered, exonerating our officers of any wrongdoing.

As I stated in my letter to you dated August 20th, 2018, these significant departures caused me to lose faith in his objectivity and his motives. As I also stated in that letter, I could not discern what his motives were and suggested that they were likely self-serving. I now know the answers to both.

On July 27th, 2018, well before any controversy, release of the McIntyre report, or my blocking his access, the Attorney General's office of Illinois put out an RFP for an independent monitoring team for the Chicago Police Department for over \$2.5 million as

part of a consent decree. I discovered that Rick Braziel through an organization he belongs to, the Police Foundation, submitted an application for that job. In the submission, he is proposed as THE independent monitor with a team of support staff. He also indicates that he can dedicate 95% of his time to the City of Chicago, as his only remaining 5% obligations consisted of his work on the POST commission and some training that he undertakes. Thus, not only was he once again seeking conflicting employment while engaged as the Sacramento County Inspector General without notifying you as the County Executive (remember, this was BEFORE any controversy or issues), but he also fully intended not to renew his contract on November 30th. While certainly that is his right to opt out of renewal, the fact that he for months as this unfolded let members of the Board, community groups, and the media advocate for him publicly and vehemently, negotiate on his behalf for him to remain as Inspector General, and seek numerous legal opinions regarding his continuation—without saying anything to anyone—is appalling.

More shocking, however, is the fact that any uncertainty as to the “why” relative to the inappropriate content of the report and its early release has now been illuminated. Attached to his proposal to be the Independent Monitor for the Chicago Police Department as his only “Examples of Work Product” is his entire McIntyre OIS report. If this report was truly just like the others, then it would not have mattered which OIS report he submitted, but he needed to submit this one with its specific verbiage, analysis, and critical findings to enhance his application for this other prospective job. Critically, this also means he HAD to release it publicly early so he could include it as part of his proposal, since the deadline for the RFP was September 4th, 2018, well before the District Attorney rendered her findings. This explains both the different look and feel of this report as well as why he chose to release it early. Any other legitimate rationale for the departure in content and analysis of this particular report, as well as its early release—other than he was simply serving his own purposes to enhance his standing to obtain a job as Independent Monitor for the Chicago Police Department—defies logic.

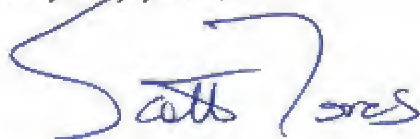
Although no final selection has been made, his proposal was one of four that made it through as a finalist, and a final decision could be made anytime. I have included a sampling of pertinent supporting documentation. However, all of these documents; the over 800-page proposal, two sets of requests for supplemental information and their responses, and a community interview—are publicly available online at <http://chicagopoliceconsentdecree.org/independent-monitor/>.

I just thought you and the Board—especially those who were such strong advocates on Mr. Braziel’s behalf—should be made aware of his ulterior actions and motives relative to this incident, that were clearly intended to be kept from you. As a guardian of transparency for the Sheriff’s Office, he was personally anything but.

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I am happy to provide additional information or discuss this matter further. I am looking very much forward to moving ahead with the processes of selecting our next IG, and the subsequent dialogue on how to best carry out that function.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Jones". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "S" and a long, curved line extending from the end of the name.

SCOTT R. JONES, SHERIFF